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Another letter was received in reference to the editorial "When Will Our People Learn?" The writer of that letter suggests that a church member need not look over the entire church audience for visitors, but should make it his business to greet the strangers in the pew with him or near him, and then make the visitor acquainted with the pastor. It seems our people are learning.

Hope Ev. Lutheran Church, St. Louis, Mo., since February is issuing a special Sunday school bulletin in which items of interest to children of Sunday school age are given prominence, such as the Sunday school attendance record, birthdays, and personal news about the young folks. A paragraph or two in almost every issue stresses the importance of faithful attendance.

With the coming school year a system of sabbatical leaves for members of the Valparaiso University faculty will go into effect. Six years of service entitles members of the teaching staff to such leaves, which may extend through one semester at full salary or two semesters at half salary. It is understood that the faculty members will use their leaves for travel, study, or research.



The Largest Adult Class in the History of Trinity Church, Los Angeles

was confirmed in March by the Rev. Im. F. Hodde (extreme left). Only four of the group are native Californians, the rest coming from sixteen different States of the Union and one from a foreign country. Four had a Lutheran background; three, Baptist; three, Roman Catholic; two, Church of Christ, and one each Evangelical, Episcopal, and Church of God. Eight had no former church affiliation at all. The composition of the group is unusual, inasmuch as men outnumbered women by a ratio of better than two to one. The Rev. H. H. Feiertag, assistant to the pastor, appears on the extreme right. Miss Romelia Pacheco (front row, first from r.), of Spanish ancestry, is a native of Guatemala City, Guatemala, Central America. Miss Pacheco is probably the first native of Guatemala to be confirmed in one of our North American churches. Two weeks after confirmation she became the bride of Mr. Edward Rohde of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, St. Louis, Mo.

The frontispiece shows Grace Church of River Forest, the Rev. O. A. Geiseman, S. T. D., pastor. A member of the Northern Illinois District, this congregation is spiritual host to Concordia Teachers College, on whose campus it is built. The view is a prize-winning picture by George R. Boyles of the Merchants National Bank in Chicago and a member of Grace Church.

President J. W. Behnken has designated Drs. F. E. Mayer, Walter A. Maier, Wm. Arndt, and Martin Graebner as the official representatives of the Missouri Synod to attend as guests the convention of the Lutheran World Federation at Lund, Sweden, June 30 to July 6. The appointments were made in response to an invitation issued by Archbishop Eidem, president of the Federation. It is reported that Chaplain J. Gaertner, serving with our Army of Occupation in Germany, Dr. P. H. Petersen, President of the Saxon Free Church, and Dr. Karl Arndt, also with the Army of Occupation in the department of Education and Religious Affairs, expect to attend.

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A Bible Society colporteur tells of a trip he took, back into the mountains of Pennsylvania, where he came upon a tiny, isolated settlement. He asked the people if they had Bibles. They looked confused. He asked them if they had heard of Jesus. "Jesus?" they asked. "No, we never heard of Jesus; but," they added, "very few strangers pass through here, and we feel sure that no one by the name of Jesus has gone through." — *Bible Society Record*.

The Northern Baptist Convention's radio committee will establish a licensed amateur radio station, along with a studio and workshop, at the denomination's assembly center in Green Lake, Wis., this summer. The station will serve as a means of contact with the ten Baptist mission fields. — *The Christian Century*.



Northern Outpost  
Our church at Anchorage, Alaska

Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, Fairbury, Nebr., the Rev. Benedict Schwarz, pastor, recently received a gift of \$10,000 in cash from Mr. and Mrs. William G. Bauer to swell the congregation's Church Building Fund to \$40,000. The entire half block north of the present chapel has been purchased, and the excavation for the first unit, the church building proper, is about to begin.

On Pentecost Sunday thirty-seven children, ranging in age from one month to thirteen years, were baptized in First Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Chicago, Ill. It was through the consecrated efforts of the Sunday school and day school teachers and other workers in the church that these children were brought to the Lord. Eight came from one family, and four from another. The family names of the children are significant: Brunke, Bronson, Elliott, Robinson, Burgess, Wood, Condes, Szore, Switalski, Schnell, Schuler, Koepke. First Bethlehem celebrated its seventy-fifth anniversary last year. Situated near the downtown section of Chicago, it was once one of the largest congregations in Synod. Most of the founding fathers and their families have now moved to new sections and suburbs, and a poorer class of people has taken their place, but First Bethlehem has not moved and is not planning to move.

G. V. S.

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## Editorial

### "Increase in Us True Religion"

The chief thought running through the Propers for the Sixth Sunday after Trinity is the life of the Christian who has been baptized and the righteousness demanded of all who bear the name of Jesus Christ. Their righteousness is to be other than that of the scribes and Pharisees (Gospel). It is to show that they are "alive unto God" (Epistle). This righteousness, this newness of life, is God-given. It is not in us. It is the result of the true religion implanted in us by grace from above. Its motive is not fear, but love. Our continuation in it depends on the strength which we must look for from Him (Introit) who is the Author and Finisher of our faith. So we pray:

Lord of all power and might, who art the Author and Giver of all good things, graft in our hearts the love of Thy name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of Thy great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

W. G. P.

### Our Educational Institutions and Synod's Centennial

This Centennial year of our Synod's history reminds us that the Saxons who came here over one hundred years ago soon after their arrival, in 1839, and long before the organization of Synod, in 1847, made provisions for training leaders for the Church and therefore established a college and seminary in the humble little log cabin in Perry County, Mo. They had an elaborate and well-rounded educational program: all college sciences necessary to a true Christian and scientific education, as religion, the Latin, Greek, Hebrew, German, French, and English languages, history, geography, mathematics, physics, natural history, elementary philosophy, music, drawing. That little log cabin developed into the nineteen colleges and seminaries which our Synod is today maintaining in the United States, Canada, South America, India, and China. All of our churches and mission stations have spiritual leaders who have been well educated and trained for their work.

The disturbances in the educational system of our country brought about by changes in the curriculum and by the trying out of new methods, which, in some cases, proved to be detrimental rather than beneficial, also somewhat affected us and propounded the question whether our educational system is not in need of much improvement. That improvement can be made as time progresses no one will deny. However, let us not forget that in all branches of learning and knowledge certain things are fundamental, and because they are fundamental, they are of utmost importance and should not in whole or in part be replaced by subjects of less importance. After all, a college and a seminary diploma do not indicate that the recipient has completed his education, but rather that he has merely made a

good beginning. Much needs still to be learned not only from books but also in the school of life and of experience. And he who at all deserves to be called a student will continue to be such during his entire life. When we review our educational system of the past one hundred years, we must admit that it has well served its purpose. Let us, therefore, not forget that among the many things for which we should thank the Lord in this Centennial year our educational system for the training of ministers and teachers has been and still is one of our greatest blessings. And we shall be thankful for this blessing when we keep and use what God has given us.

J. H. C. F.

### Happy Childhood

William Lyon Phelps in his autobiography speaks of his happy home and childhood. His father was a preacher, and his mother was very strict. Many people pitied the children because they were not allowed to indulge in the many wild pleasures which were common among the young at that time. But he assures us that although he and his sister and brothers attended church twice every Sunday, sometimes three times, and very often church meetings during the week, yet the home life was very happy. The father and mother loved their children dearly. The training was earnest and intelligent, but withal there was also jesting and hearty laughter. Christian friends were made welcome, noticed the children, and added to the joviality and contentment of the home. Good books and periodicals were found in the home.

Mr. Phelps is not the only one who can testify to the fact that Christian homes are the happiest homes. True, Christian education, Christian training, is connected with the crucifixion of the flesh, and that is painful; but is it not true also of our health that if we wish to regain vigor of body and mind, we dare not do as we please? At the time when young people are thus restricted and trained, the flesh may at times rebel, but later such well-trained children will thank God that the love of parents helped them to flee the allurements of the broad way which ends in destruction, and trained them to enter through the strait gate upon the narrow way that leads to fullness of joy and pleasures for evermore.

S.

### Centennial Slogans

Our Missionary Conference (Fort Wayne in January) was electrified when the Rev. E. T. Bernthal of Detroit quoted Wendell Willkie, with adaptation to the Missouri Synod's Centennial—"Hats off to the past, coats off to the future!"

Some unknown genius whom we should like to quote by name has given us: "The second hundred years are the hardest!"

Pastor Henry O. Kringel of Glendale is reminded of a certain sentence he read on one of the State buildings in the capitol grounds at Sacramento. Engraved in stone blocks at the top of the building the sentence: "*Bring me men to match my mountains!*" "God has given us His mountains in His matchless doctrines of the Bible."

We have ventured into the language of baseball by declaring that the greatest work of the Missouri Synod is still ahead — "*The first century was only the windup!*" We offer this as a perfectly legitimate phrase. St. Paul (1 Cor. 9:26) goes to the prize fights of his day when he wants an illustration to show that in a struggle against the flesh he is having a *real fight* — "Not as one that beateth the air." Than which a better translation would be: "No shadow-boxing for me!"

Pres. Chas. W. Rankin of the University of China in 1928 told the following story:

"A certain officer in the course of his service had a difficult and dangerous work to be done. His men being brought to attention before him, he said: I want a man to do this thing. Its performance means almost certain death. I hesitate to name a man for the duty. I want a volunteer. I will turn my back to the line and then give the order 'Forward, march!' Let the man who will volunteer step to the front one pace. He faced about. And the command rang out, 'Forward, march!' He wheeled to see a solid line before him. With broken voice he said: 'Men, I knew the duty was hard. I told you it doubtless meant death. But I thought among my men there would be at least one volunteer.' Instantly the officer of the line saluted and said: 'Sir, *the line advanced one pace.*'"

Dr. Rankin added: "Are the soldiers of earth's battlefields more loyal than the soldiers of Christ?"

Let the reader's love and enthusiasm for our Synod prompt other slogans. We shall be glad to give them space. G.

## Let It Be a Progressive Convention

The average age of the men who founded the Missouri Synod was 33 years. Historians have given too little prominence to this fact. Yet the fact that the early workers were with few exceptions young men, endowed with youthful energy and the spirit that dares great things for God, must be remembered when the story of the early years of our Synod is told. They were men of agile, wide-awake minds, eager for attempting new things, zealous and enterprising. The college built in the backwoods and housed in a log cabin, advertising its courses in the papers of the metropolis a hundred miles north by river, was only one example of the daring with which they attacked their program as a new Church in a new land.

It cannot be said that the Missouri Synod has always maintained this spirit of alertness, of being on the watch for new opportunities. In fact, it may be said that there were decades characterized by overcautious approach in the field of missions and education, of timidity rather than courage when faced with new problems. One of the passages of Scripture that has been quoted to justify a spirit of reluctance when new tasks loomed on the horizon was the Parable of the Tower, Luke 14:28-30. It is so brief that we can reprint it here. Addressing a great multitude Jesus said: "Which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it? Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him, saying: 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.'"

Now, what Jesus meant was not "Don't begin to build

a tower, because you might fail and become a laughing-stock." Just the reverse. He wanted to encourage His hearers to forsake all that they had and become His disciples, to make the greatest decision any man can make. He said that a man should deny himself all things, if necessary even the love and company of those most dear to him, if such things stand in the way of his becoming a disciple of Christ. Nothing was farther from His mind than to suggest: Weigh the cost, and *then refuse* to become a disciple!

Our delegates will have opportunity to weigh things prudently, to plan carefully, to seek sound advice, to make assurance doubly sure both in matters of faith and matters of business, but if we understand the parable correctly, we should add — *then go ahead with all that you've got!*

"Hats off to the past — coats off for the future!"

G.

## Pledged Delegations

We refer to the effort sometimes made to bind a synodical delegate to vote in a certain way on a certain proposition. On this subject the Rev. W. C. Birkner, Secretary of Missions of the Central District, has this to say in a *Stewardship Bulletin*, which just comes to hand:

The delegate is expected to acquaint himself with the general viewpoint of his constituency on the business that will be transacted, but he is not to be *pledged* how to cast his vote on any specific question. It happens time and again that discussion of certain problems on the floor of the convention throws new and additional light on the matter, and therefore every delegate should be granted, and must insist upon, his sovereign right to vote according to his conscience after *all* the evidence for and against an issue has been finally presented. That is done in Chicago\* and not in Indianapolis or Cleveland or Fort Wayne or Evansville or Toledo or Louisville or Napoleon or Columbus. Pre-convention caucuses among the clergy or laity for the purpose of "tying up votes" are contrary to the spirit of our organization, just as much as it is contrary to Christian ethics to make the decisions of a local congregation in the corner grocery store on Saturday evening.

Pastor Birkner might have said more. He might have said that pledged delegations really completely abolish the synodical system of government by introducing a government by referendum. This would, of course, save a lot of money, but what would be left would not be a synod. Also, very likely, we should have government not by discussion and deliberation but by propaganda. Unless we retain for each delegate the right to vote and cast his ballots according to his conscientious best judgment, we need not emphasize the necessity of electing conscientious, intelligent delegates. Any robot would do. G.

## Greetings from the Danish Lutherans

The *Luthersk Ugeblad* is an official organ of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church (Danish), a member of the National Lutheran Council. Its issue of April 30 devoted more than two pages to the Centennial of the Missouri Synod. The editor presented a translation into Danish of the article contributed by President J. W. Behnken to the Centennial issue of the LUTHERAN WITNESS, "in order that the readers may understand more intimately the spirit which dwells in this great Lutheran body." This is followed by a recommendation that the members of the Danish Lutheran congregation read Professor Baepler's *A Century of Grace, Fuerbringer's 80 Eventful Years*, and Dallmann's *My Life*. Then the story is told of the founding of the Missouri Synod, its growth, and its present membership and extensive work. Dr. P. C. Jensen of Blair, Nebr., is editor of *Luthersk Ugeblad*. G.

\* Rev. Birkner refers to the synodical convention to be held at Chicago July 20—29.

# NLC: Some Questions and Answers

By THEODORE GRAEBNER

(The question of participation in the program of the National Lutheran Council will confront the convention of our Synod in Chicago this summer. The Editorial Staff of the LUTHERAN WITNESS has been requested to give such information to our readers as will enable them to answer intelligently the question—What is the National Lutheran Council, and what does participation in its program involve? The question came up three years ago, and after the convention we heard people say that they "had not known what it was all about." Whatever the convention will do in July, no one should plead afterwards that the delegates "did not know what it was all about." The Editorial Staff believes that a brief statement in questions and answers will aid towards an intelligent and God-pleasing disposal of this matter.—THE EDITORS.)

1. Question: When was the National Lutheran Council founded?

Answer: In 1918.

2. Q.: Which organizations united in the NLC?

A.: The General Council, the General Synod, United Synod in the South (later the ULC), Ohio Synod, Iowa Synod, and the Scandinavian bodies.

3. Q.: What was the purpose of the organization?

A.: To speak in matters involving the Lutheran Church; problems of a National character; externals; especially in solving "problems raised by this war" (World War I).

4. Q.: What was one of the chief functions of the Council?

A.: Enabling Lutheran clergymen to work in the Army camps.

5. Q.: Did the Missouri Synod make use of this agency for its own work in the camps?

A.: Officially, no; unofficially, yes.

6. Q.: What was the first act of the National Lutheran Council after the close of World War I?

A.: The organization of a free conference of Lutherans in Chicago, 1919, for the purpose of supplying a doctrinal basis for reorganization.

7. Q.: By whom were the original motions on which the Council was organized written?

A.: By the Rev. D. H. Steffens, a pastor of the Missouri Synod.

8. Q.: What were some of the purposes that called for a continuation of NLC?

A.: To meet emergencies in America and abroad that call for united action on the part of all Lutherans; publicity work; the defense of the Lutheran Church when attacked.

9. Q.: Was the union of all American Lutherans into one Church a purpose of the organizers?

A.: "This was not and is not the reason for the organization of the Council and its present work." (L. W. Boe, *Lutheran Church Herald*, 1919, page 265.)

10. Q.: Was the doctrinal platform adopted in 1919 correct on controversial questions?

A.: It was correct.

11. Q.: Why was the constitution of the NLC revised in 1944?

A.: In order to serve the Lutheran Church at large by co-operating in matters of common interest and responsibility, co-operation in which does not affect their distinctive principles.

12. Q.: Is the National Lutheran Council a Church or a Federation of Synods?

A.: It is neither one nor the other.

13. Q.: Is the NLC a body in which one holds membership?

A.: Strictly speaking, it is an agency with a program for participation to such extent as a body will designate.

14. Q.: What are the projects in which the NLC acts as an agency?

A.: Publicity and public relations, welfare, statistics, missions, education, and student work.

15. Q.: Are these projects all in the field of externals?

A.: Some are; some are not; some are partially.

16. Q.: What is the function of the Council in these matters?

A.: To supervise and co-ordinate fields of work within limits set up by the participating bodies; making studies and surveys.

17. Q.: Does participation in the NLC program obligate one to participation in all departments of the Council's program?

A.: "A Participating Body may determine the extent of its participation in the work of the Council."

(Constitution, Art. X, 6.)

18. Q.: Has the Missouri Synod co-operated in the program of the National Lutheran Council?

A.: It has co-operated through its Army and Navy Commission in the establishment and/or management of service centers during World War II; and in prisoners of war work, reported to Synod in 1944 as "co-operation with other Lutheran bodies in externals" (*Proceedings*, page 385).

19. Q.: How was our work co-ordinated among migrating workers?

A.: In Washington, D.C., among the Government employees: "If our Missouri Synod worker found an Augustana girl, she would refer this girl to the Augustana church in Washington. And if the Augustana worker working in a different part of the city found a Missouri Synod girl, she would refer her to one of our Missouri Synod churches. A Lutheran civilian service center has been opened up in Washington, D.C., jointly by the Missouri Synod and the National Lutheran Council." (*Proceedings*, 1944, p. 385.)

20. Q.: How was the work among POW organized?

A.: "Because the Government is disinclined to deal with individual Lutheran groups, it became expedient to form a Lutheran Commission for Prisoners of War, made up of three members of the National Lutheran Council and three members of the Missouri Synod. For the past year this commission has been functioning smoothly. There never has been

occasion for a violation of the doctrinal principles which bind the conscience of the Missouri Synod members of this commission. Our members on this committee are Dr. Paul E. Kretzmann, chairman; Rev. Paul Dannenfeldt, chairman of the Army and Navy Commission; Rev. L. Meyer, executive director of the Emergency Planning Council; and Dr. J. W. Behnken, *ex officio*, who has attended every meeting." *Proceedings*, page 383.

21. Q.: What was the purpose of this work among POW?

A.: "Bringing Christ and heavenly healing to tens of thousands in their hour of need." *Proceedings*, page 382.

22. Q.: Do some of our own agencies now co-operate with the NLC?

A.: Welfare agencies in several areas are co-operating. Also foreign relief, home missions, and, in the Atlantic District, our student service.

23. Q.: How was the work of the NLC adjudged in "Toward Lutheran Union" (Graebner-Kretzmann)?

A.: "The program of the National Lutheran Council (organized in 1918 out of the service for the armed forces) is concerned with a number of projects related to the externals of church work. Its Regulations set forth such purposes as: Publicity in matters requiring public utterance on behalf of the Lutheran Church, representation of Lutheran interests toward other organized bodies, the co-ordination of agencies of the Church that deal with problems arising out of war or to meet circumstances which require common action, the maintenance of right relations between Church and State, and the gathering of statistical information. All work is to be done 'without prejudice to the confessional basis' and without 'interfering with the principles of fellowship of its constituent bodies,' acknowledging also 'the right of the bodies themselves to determine the extent of co-operation.' The minutes contain such expressions as these: 'Let us not lose sight of the original purpose of the Council, to speak for the Church in externis. It has done this and is doing it now.' The Missouri Synod has never passed judgment on this program and these principles as contrary to our views on church fellowship." Page 225.

24. Q.: Do we agree with those sponsors of membership in the NLC who advocate this move as an approach to Lutheran union?

A.: "You realize, of course, that Missouri has been co-operating in externals in matters which do not involve pulpit, altar, and prayer fellowship. Such co-operation should not and must not be interpreted as a step toward fellowship or a method of bringing about fellowship among Lutherans." Dr. J. W. Behnken, address at Rockford, *LUTHERAN WITNESS*, 1946, page 405.

25. Q.: What action did our convention of 1944 take regarding the NLC?

A.: It declined the request that we make application for membership in the NLC and directed that a study be made of the constitution of the NLC and the scope of co-operative endeavors, "with a view to collaborating with the National Lutheran Council in such matters as involve no violation of conscience and no denial of the truth."

## An Adventure in Lutheran Co-operation

Though outnumbered four to one in the State, Synodical Conference Lutherans were given every consideration by other Lutherans when the Lutheran Welfare Council of Ohio was formed. Discouraging barriers to co-ordination of effort in Lutheran welfare work, in this case, were surmounted.

Some acceptable method of working together was essential to Lutheran child welfare work in Ohio, if only because the State Department of Public Welfare has authority to grant or to deny any agency license to operate. Even if we wanted that sort of thing, we cannot expect public authorities to countenance duplication in the child welfare field, let alone permit a clashing of interests. When therefore the Lutheran Children's Aid Society of Ohio, an organization of Synodical Conference congregations incorporated in 1903, set up a licensed agency in 1943, its executive secretary, Mrs. Mary M. Sumner, sought contacts with other Ohio Lutheran agencies engaged or interested in child welfare. Striving for an adequate, long-range solution to the very real need for increased efforts for homeless Lutheran children,

the Board worked out a proposal for a division of the work among Lutherans on a functional basis. The executive secretary and representatives of the Board then presented their conclusions to leaders of other Lutheran groups. Seven consultations were held with them for this purpose early in 1945.

The suggestions of the Lutheran Children's Aid Society met with unforeseen difficulties, among them the fact that the Welfare Office of the National Lutheran Council was just then proposing a division on an area basis, a plan admirably adapted to the geographical distribution and organizational setup of other Lutheran groups but necessitating complete rebuilding of the Lutheran Children's Aid Society, foundation and all, and threatening the standing it had achieved in Cleveland social work circles. Such an effect was by no means intended, but the peculiar distribution of Synodical Conference membership in Ohio and the special child-welfare needs of a metropolitan area, such as Cleveland, had not been understood.

Representatives of the State Department of Public Welfare were present at a meeting held in Columbus on June 19, 1945, when the plan proposed by the Welfare Office of the National

Lutheran Council was presented for action to welfare workers and agency board members connected with Lutheran groups from all over the State. The Lutheran Children's Aid Society was the only Synodical Conference group in attendance. The National Lutheran Council recommendations received vigorous support. The meeting graciously gave us opportunity to present our alternative suggestions. These encountered opposition which revealed that our motives as well as our reasoning were being questioned. Finally a representative of the Department expressed herself as favoring one feature of the National Lutheran Council plan, which, if adopted by us, would have made our position in Cleveland most difficult. We persisted in stating that we saw the need of co-operating and wanted to do so, and that for that reason we hoped no State-wide arrangement would be effected into which we should find it impossible to enter. Then A. L. C. and U. L. C. men came to our support, asking that nothing be done hastily and that every effort be made to modify the plan in such a manner as to permit all Lutherans of the State to join in it without misgivings as to its effect upon their work.

This is precisely what was done. The Welfare Office of the National Lutheran Council on April 26 presented, and agency representatives adopted, a constitution for a Lutheran Welfare Council having the same basic features as that of Nebraska. The Lutheran Children's Aid Society became a charter member, and its president was elected to the vice-presidency of the Council.

In addition to child welfare the Council is concerned with family welfare, care of the aged, hospitals, institutional ministry, and youth services. All Lutheran agencies in Ohio engaged in any of these fields of labor are eligible to membership. The constitution provides that each member agency keeps complete autonomy while enjoying the privilege of consultation with others and co-ordination of effort wherever that may seem advantageous.

How is the Council working out? We have just begun to seek correct solutions to the problems that concern us all. So far we have, by expressing our several opinions without reserve, invariably found that though at times we use different language, we do start out from identical principles and use the same approach. Should not perhaps this sort of co-operation be labeled "co-operation in externals"? We do not particularly like that label because some things that have borne it are not in a class with this. This sort of co-operation is a plain duty, and for it we have already been visibly blessed by the Lord.

Cleveland

R. H. SCHROEDER

## YOU, TOO, CAN BE PRESENT

### THE CENTENNIAL CONVENTION

From July 20 to 29 the eyes of the Lutheran world will be focused on Chicago, Illinois, where the Centennial Convention of Synod will meet. Matters of far-reaching importance are on the agenda.

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## Society of St. James Meets

The convention of the Liturgical Society of St. James, held at Valparaiso University, May 20 and 21, was a thoroughly gratifying experience for the friends and members of this liturgical group. The theme of the essays presented was "The Development of the Eucharistic Liturgy." The Rev. A. H. Wismar, A.M., traced the development of the liturgy from 100 A.D. to 600 A.D. The Rev. Carl Bergen discussed the liturgy as it became codified in the Roman rite; the Rev. Charles P. Feuerstein, the liturgies of the Lutheran Reformation; the Rev. Carl F. W. Weidmann, A.M., the English rites; and the Rev. H. Wittschen, the Scandinavian rite.

Prof. M. Alfred Bichsel, M.S.M., who will study musicology at Rome and Basel the coming academic year, was in charge of the two Vesper Services conducted in the University Chapel. At the Tuesday Vespers the Rev. J. Pelikan, Ph.D., of Valparaiso University, and at the Wednesday Vespers, the Rev. Carl F. W. Weidmann, Concordia Collegiate Institute, Bronxville, delivered appropriate addresses. On Wednesday morning a demonstration of the Eucharistic Liturgy as advocated by the Society was followed with keen interest by an appreciative audience in the Chapel of the University. Dr. O. P. Kretzmann, President of Valparaiso University, delivered the address.

The Rev. Erwin Kurth was appointed chairman of a committee for the publication of tracts on the meaning, purpose, and value of the liturgy. The Rev. H. Lindemann introduced two resolutions to be presented to Synod as memorials. Mr. Chester M. Edelmann, Comptroller of Old St. Matthew's, New York, fervently urged the intelligent participation of the congregation in the liturgy.

The unusually large accessions of new members at this conference brought the membership total to an all-time high.

A. WISMAR

for the establishment of a theological seminary and a preparatory school.

Our largest task lies within the *Landeskirchen* (official State Churches). From my correspondence with many hundreds of German ministers, it would appear that some very important steps will be taken within the next months. Strong efforts are now in progress to organize the entire Protestant Church of Germany into one thoroughly unionistic body with fellowship between confessional Lutherans and outspoken Reformed churches. Many hundreds of Lutheran ministers see the danger that the Lutheran Church as an entity, or even as an influence, will be liquidated. There is real danger that the Lutheran Church of Germany will be swallowed up in a communal movement which would wipe out all confessional denominational lines. This danger is real and imminent. There is our challenge! What can we do about it?

Much has already been done. With more than 1,200 ministers we are already in connection. Practically all of them have received material help from us, and some hundreds of them are now being partially supported by us. Some of them are men of prominence and influence. It will be our task to strengthen them and assure them of our continued support to help them stand up for true Lutheranism. And there is reason to believe that they will.

There is much evidence that the example and history of our own Synod have made a deep impression; that our work in the prisoners' camps in our country is bearing rich fruit; that our correspondence has had some good effect; that our army chaplains have exerted a positive influence; that the situation, therefore, is pregnant with hope.

It has been felt for some time, however, that we need closer personal contacts. We have made a good start toward that end. Our venerable President has been over there; the executive secretary of the Emergency Planning Council has

visited Europe repeatedly; one of our theological professors has delivered lectures and made valuable contacts; the Board for European Missions had its representative in Europe for weeks, and these visits will be repeated.

But after all, these trips are only visits. After much thought on the part of our officials, it was recognized as essential to have one of our men on the ground for a longer period of time. New situations are continually arising, and important decisions must be made. If confessional Lutheranism should become a force in European church life—now is the time to act.

There is other work to be done in Europe. We have spent millions of dollars for relief and are preparing to spend more. Requests for funds are before us in great numbers. It stands to reason that much of our effectiveness must be lost if we have not even one personal representative on the ground. Anyone who sits in the office of the Emergency Planning Council for weeks on end, as I did, will be impressed with the large amount of work that is being done and of its general effectiveness. Every day, however, presents new problems which cannot be properly met without personal investigation by our own representative, who can personally confer with all parties concerned, make his own observations, and either make his own decisions or recommend action by the Emergency Planning Council in larger matters.

That, then, is the twofold task for which I have been chosen by our esteemed President and the Council.

What success will I have? Perhaps much, perhaps little; certainly some. Not that I have a high opinion of my own ability, but God has promised that His Word will not return unto Him void, and Jesus has taught us to pray: "Thy kingdom come." That promise will be fulfilled; those prayers will be heard. May I, on the eve of my departure for Europe, ask your kind intercession?

MARTIN GRAEBNER

## An Ambassadorship to Lutheran Europe

(EDITORIAL NOTE: The Rev. E. T. Bernthal, representative of the Missouri Synod for Washington affairs, was informed May 26 by the Office of Secretary of State Marshall that the order for a military pass for Dr. M. Graebner had been issued.)

According to the WITNESS of April 22, 1947, the Lutheran Church in Europe has been called the greatest casualty of the war, and the restoration of confessional Lutheranism in Europe has been termed our greatest task.

The Lutheran Church of Europe may be a casualty, but it is not dead. In the first place, we have the Saxon Free Church. That has always been a small body, but it is now branching out with increased energy and vigor. Other similar bodies have existed in Germany for many years, and recently negotiations have been going on between them, somewhat like those between our Synod and the American Lutheran Church. Under the grace of God these conferences have led to gratifying results. A union between our Free Church and the Breslau Synod has been consummated, subject to ratification by the individual congregations, and the combined bodies are now completing plans

## The Three Main Lutheran Church Bodies in America

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| <p>I The Synodical Conference (1872)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Missouri Synod (1847)</li> <li>B. Wisconsin Synod (1850 and 1892)</li> <li>C. Norwegian Synod (1853 and 1918)</li> <li>D. Slovak Synod (1906)</li> </ul> <p>II The American Lutheran Conference (1930)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. American Lutheran Church (1930)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ohio Synod (1818)</li> <li>2. Iowa Synod (1854)</li> <li>3. Buffalo Synod (1845)</li> </ul> </li> <li>B. The Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (formerly Norwegian Luth. Church) (1917)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Majority of old Norwegian Synod (1853)</li> <li>2. Hauge Synod (1873)</li> <li>3. Forenede or United Church (1890)                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Norwegian Augustana Synod (1870—1890)</li> <li>b. Norwegian-Danish Conference (1870—1890)</li> <li>c. Anti-Missourian Brotherhood (1887—1890)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>C. Augustana Synod (1860)</li> <li>D. Lutheran Free Church (1897)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>E. United Evangelical (Danish) Lutheran Church (1896)</li> </ul> <p>III The United Lutheran Church (1918)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. General Synod (1820)</li> <li>B. General Council (1866)</li> <li>C. United Synod in the South (1886)</li> </ul> |
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## The Confessional Writings of the Lutheran Church

The Ecumenical (or Universal) Creeds, which are accepted by the whole Christian Church throughout the world, are:

1. The Apostles' Creed;
2. The Nicene Creed;
3. The Athanasian Creed.

The Confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church are, in addition to the above:

1. The Augsburg Confession;
2. The Apology of the same;
3. The Smalcald Articles;
4. Luther's Small Catechism;
5. Luther's Large Catechism;
6. The Formula of Concord.

These six Confessions and the Ecumenical Creeds form the Book of Concord (1580).

## Plowing and Planting

1847 : 1947

Great Hearts, they plowed and turned the virgin sod,  
Placed precious Seed into the furrowed soil  
Of human hearts. They planted, asking God  
To give the increase and to bless their toil.  
The sunshine of His grace, the gentle dew  
Of His sweet mercy stirred the Seed; and then  
Came bloom and blossom — grain and harvest, too.  
Behold God's kingdom in the hearts of men!

And from the silent past there comes the sound  
Of ringing echo, calling clear and strong:  
"Take from our hands the plow. 'Tis hallowed ground  
Ye tread. And draw the furrows straight and long."

Great Hearts! We heed your call to plant and plow.  
To God Eternal we have made this vow.  
St. Louis JOHN M. RUNGE

## Walking

As a nation we had almost completely forgotten that there existed such a mode of travel as walking. Wheels had replaced human feet. Now that we have had our experience with gas rationing and driving restrictions we have learned to realize that feet and legs were meant by the Creator to serve us as a means of transportation. More people have been walking than any of us can remember.

There was a time when walking was the only means of transporting oneself from place to place. In the course of time men developed various ways of travel, and walking was looked upon as too slow and possibly even degrading. But these old methods of travel gradually lost their attraction for us. With the advent of the motor car we began to speak rather disparagingly about "the horse and buggy days." Today our spirits are becoming less haughty. This war gave us occasion to think seriously. We are realizing that our much-vaunted "advancement" has not been as constructive and progressive as we had imagined it to be. Paul once warned the Romans not to be wise in their own conceits.

But there is also a walking which is spiritual. The Scriptures call it "walking with God." This expression is frequently used in the Old Testament. Enoch walked with God, and the Lord took him into heaven. Noah was a just man and walked with God.

To Abraham God said: "Walk before Me, and be thou perfect." The New Testament, too, speaks of this spiritual walking. Positively Christians are to walk in the light, circumspectly, worthy of their calling, by faith, in love, in the day, in wisdom, and in newness of life; negatively they are not to walk in darkness, not according to the flesh, not as the Gentiles, not in the night, and not disorderly.

Let us Christians be careful about our spiritual walking. The world is watching us. It sees what we do and hears what we say. May we give the unbelievers no reason to doubt our sincerity. Let us resolve by the grace of God to become more proficient in our walking with Christ. Our Savior who has redeemed us with His blood, and His kingdom, which is to be sought above everything else, are worthy of our best efforts. One of our good old Lutheran chorales bids us: "Let us ever walk with Jesus." May we do so penitently trustingly, patiently, devotedly, victoriously, in the year that lies before us.

North East, Penn. A. PUSCHECK

## The United Lutheran Church Withdraws from Japanese Federation of Churches

(During the war the Japanese government compelled all the Christian churches in the Empire to operate as a unit. From this so-called "United Church of Japan" the congregations of the United Lutheran Church in America withdrew as soon as the legal obstacles had been removed. *The Christian Century* upbraided the U.L.C. for making this "break" in the ranks of Japanese Christendom. In a subsequent issue, March 12, 1947, the *Christian Century* printed a reply by a pastor of the United Lutheran Church which is reprinted below. The case against unionism has rarely been stated with greater force and clearness.)

EDITOR THE CHRISTIAN CENTURY:

SIR: In the closing sentence of your brief editorial on the withdrawal of the Lutherans from the United Church of Japan you express hope that the United Lutheran Church in America "will decide not to permit its funds to be used in this revival of sectarianism," as you call it. Being a member of said church body I may say that we are willing to use our funds for the purpose which you deplore.

"Unity" does not consist of administrative or liturgical conformity. It is based on a common understanding of the gospel. Says the Augsburg Confession: "And to the true unity of the church, it is enough to agree concerning the doctrine of the

gospel and the administration of the sacraments." But it is precisely here where Kyodan fails. Concerning the interpretation of the order of salvation, the sacraments and like matters, the Lutheran, Calvinistic, Arminian and Unitarian teachings are just as divergent and conflicting in 1947 as they were in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. In fact, some of these are farther apart today than in the days of the fathers. Besides, history teaches that every union movement of the Kyodan type issues eventually in a flat denial of the gospel.

In the Lutheran communion the pietistic fathers of Halle, who by the very nature of their pietism were possessed of unionistic tendencies, raised a whole generation of deistic and rationalistic children. For this reason I cannot see eye to eye with Niemöller in matters of church polity. Like him, I believe in the *Una Sancta*; but unlike him, I am not ready to destroy the historical identity of the Lutheran Church in either Germany or Japan. The purpose of true union is served, not when, ignoring all doctrinal differences, men agree on a common church polity, but rather when they take as seriously as did the reformers the lordship of Christ as interpreted in the Bible. In addition, Niemöller was slightly incorrect when he referred to his "Lutheran" bishop as having supported Hitler. Niemöller was never a member of a Lutheran church. He was born and reared in and later served the Union of Old Prussia.

To this argument rooted in theology, I may add a practical observation. In a union church, what shall be the order of worship? While I may enjoy and appreciate a theological discourse by a Reformed scholar, I felt utterly at loss whenever I made an attempt to join the Reformed and related churches in worship. A Lutheran can never be satisfied with their order of worship, for it is in his eyes too subjective because the voices of Scripture and of the communion of saints are relegated to "marginal notes." Every service, whether it was Presbyterian, Congregational, Methodist or Baptist, left me empty. And there are many other Lutherans who feel in this matter as I do. According to my own pastoral experience, Lutheran service men, for example, have not proved champions of the union movement; now, upon their discharge, they are as loyal to the Lutheran Church as they were before. Some of them had little liking for the so-called "Protestant" service while they were in the armed forces.

"Unity of faith"? Yes, for all true believers are members of one body; but at this juncture of history, a united church? No.

Chicago

OTTO W. HEICK

## From a Pocket Notebook

A Lutheran layman in Baltimore is disturbed about a report made to the Methodist National Council of Bishops by a special committee on relations with the Catholic Church. This report stated that in Argentina the law "now requires the teaching of the Roman Catholic religion even in the schools of Protestant Churches." The layman has a right to feel disturbed. When he showed the report to some of his Catholic friends, they answered: "Why, sure, don't you know that that country belongs to us?" This layman says: "This matter should be looked into." It bears looking into. In fact, it should be handled by the (non-existing) Lutheran Committee on Public Relations. . . . In Milwaukee the Centennial Thankoffering has gone over the top in Cross Congregation (the Rev. R. J. Lillie, pastor). The goal was \$5,000, and the totals today are over \$5,200. . . . From the Northern Illinois edition of the LUTHERAN WITNESS we gather the information that Dr. Leo L. Hardt, a Lutheran physician of Chicago and a member of the Church of St. Luke (Pastor A. R. Kretzmann), has climaxed many years of research in gastro-intestinal disorders with the development of a new medication which promises to revolutionize treatment of such conditions as ulcers. His recent report to the American College of Physicians and Surgeons caused "enthusiastic comment," and he has been asked to present his paper to the coming meeting of the American Medical Association. . . . The Rev. Henry O. Kringel of Glendale, Calif., points out that while fifty per cent of the American population are church members, these church members supply 80% of the college students, 75% of the home owners, 90% of the civic leaders, and 90% of all gifts for charitable and community purposes. "Church membership pays big dividends." . . . St. Paul's Lutheran School at Serbin, Tex., has now been operating 90 years. Almost a column of the *Giddings News* was recently devoted to the record of this country school. . . . Congregations looking for some choice material to attest to the needs of local anniversaries should look into the folders published by Grace Congregation of Boulder, Colo. (the Rev. Theo. Schabacker, pastor). (Lest this column become a public nuisance, will not readers acting on its hints enclose from ten to 25 cents toward the office expense of the featured institution?) . . . The Rev. A. H. Semmann of Park Ridge, Ill., this spring officiated at the burial of perhaps the oldest member of the Missouri Synod, "Grandma" Steiger, who died at the age of 108 years and six months. . . . The Rev. Ewald J. Otto of Quincy, Ill., contributes the following note: "On getting along in years: 'We do not count a man's years until he has nothing else to count,' Emerson." . . . The sentiment comes with peculiar force after reading the last issue of *Der Lutheraner* edited by the late Dr. L. Fuerbringer and containing from his pen book reviews, reminiscences, editorial articles, news items, written with all of Dr. Fuerbringer's strength and lucidity of style—and he had passed the age of 83. A few weeks later the baccalaureate sermon of the Centennial Class at Concordia Seminary was delivered by Dr. Wm. Dallmann, age 85—in contents, language, spirit, and delivery a very notable piece of pulpit oratory. G.



## Uncle Joe's Corner

"Uncle Joe, what is your opinion of biographies and autobiographies? Father has recommended a number of these, which he wants me to read."

"My boy, that is very good advice. We have, of course, the biographies of the Bible. However, it is also useful to read the lives of those men who have lived in modern times or close to modern times."

"What biographies have you found especially helpful?"

"Since you ask me, I must confess that I have received great benefit from the biographies of Martin Luther. Somehow I never weary of these. I have a number of these biographies, and I read certain chapters again and again."

"I have read several biographies of Martin Luther, and I also find certain chapters so interesting that I read them repeatedly. But are there not biographies that deal with more modern conditions which I ought to read?"

"There certainly are such biographies. But do not forget that some of those old biographies are worth while. The life of Aurelius Augustine, which is contained in his *Confessions* is distinctly worth reading today."

"Speaking of Augustine, Uncle, it has always struck me as strange that he is the one teacher whom Catholics, Lutherans, and Calvinists esteem very highly. Can you explain that?"

"I have also noticed that, and one explanation that I have to offer is this: Augustine was a forceful speaker and writer. He knew the Scriptures and for his age showed wonderfully good judgment and common sense."

"But father tells me that in judging of Augustine we must remember that he lived in times and in countries where public opinion differed very much from the public opinion which we face. Moreover, that many battles concerning the teaching of Holy Writ had not been brought to a satisfactory conclusion."

"My boy, lest you say I overlooked modern biographies, I would remind you that Washington Irving's *Life of George Washington* is distinctly worth reading. Benjamin's Franklin's *Autobiography* is short and full of good, sound matter."

"Uncle, have you read Vincent Sheean's *Personal History*. That tells you something about life at our universities and includes much of foreign travel, which I find very interesting."

"Yes, I have read that book. It was named among the best sellers and certainly deserved that place."

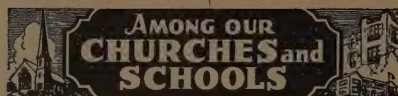
"One of my fellow students has told me that the autobiography of William Lyon Phelps is very interesting."

"Of course, my boy, such reading is of lighter vein and dare not interfere with your studies at school. But when you have some leisure, this reading is valuable, and it is not devoid of real profit. I remember that during the time when I could not devote myself to intense work, I read the autobiography of Dr. Phelps. There is much in it of value, and it is certainly entertaining. He speaks in such a plain, simple fashion concerning life at home, at school, at college, and at the university."

"Uncle, just what benefit did you derive from reading biographies?"

"First of all, my boy, I found by reading them the word of the Lord was fulfilled that 'the same afflictions are accomplished in our brethren that are in the world.' When passing through a trial or a difficulty, we may think that no one has ever faced such obstacles or hardships; but by reading the lives of others we often find that they had the same experiences, and more than that, we see how they negotiated these difficulties of their pilgrimage. Mr. Phelps, for instance, was a highly successful man as teacher, writer, and lecturer, and yet he tells us how much he suffered physically and how much he had to endure because of jealousy and envy and ill will."

"That reminds me, Uncle, of the motto which I found upon a fellow student's desk; it read something like this: 'The man who has accomplished all he undertook, never undertook to accomplish very much.'"



## Graduation at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

In serried ranks the 106 members of the synodical Centennial class and undergraduates marched into Old Trinity Church, St. Louis, on the evening of June 5 for the baccalaureate service, to the tune of the processional played by Trinity's organist, Mr. Theodore Gassner. Eager, hope-filled eyes were lifted to the preacher who stood in the pulpit, saved out of the great cyclone of 1896, once occupied by the sainted Dr. Walther, a preacher who had sat at the feet of Walther more than sixty years before, churchman, author, preacher, Dr. William Dallmann of Oak Park, Ill., former pastor in Baltimore, New York, Milwaukee, and a Vice-President of Synod. If there had been any apprehension as to the ability of the 84-year-old preacher to "deliver the goods," they were soon dispelled when Dr. Dallmann, choosing as his text 1 Cor. 1: 22-24, in his own style spoke of Paul, who knew what to preach, how to preach, to whom to preach, the effect of his preaching, the acceptance it would find.

### Quotations

"Are you surprised to hear Paul use one whole chapter to stress the need of simple words? Inspired homiletics. Preach American, not Dictionarian. 'Eloquence is logic on fire.' While Paul had cold logic in his head, he had a flaming fire in his heart."

"A Negro said: 'That Beecher is not educated. I understood every word.' Beecher thought that his finest compliment."

"God will get his quota of Jews. 'They shall never perish.' God will get his quota of Greeks."

"Down come the eagles of the Caesars: Up goes the Cross of the Crucified. 'In this sign thou shalt conquer!'"

"In our text there are two amazing *but*s. Jews demand signs. Greeks seek wisdom, *but* we preach a stumbling block and a folly. Jews and Greeks reject Christ Jesus, *but* His Gospel is the power of God and wisdom of God."

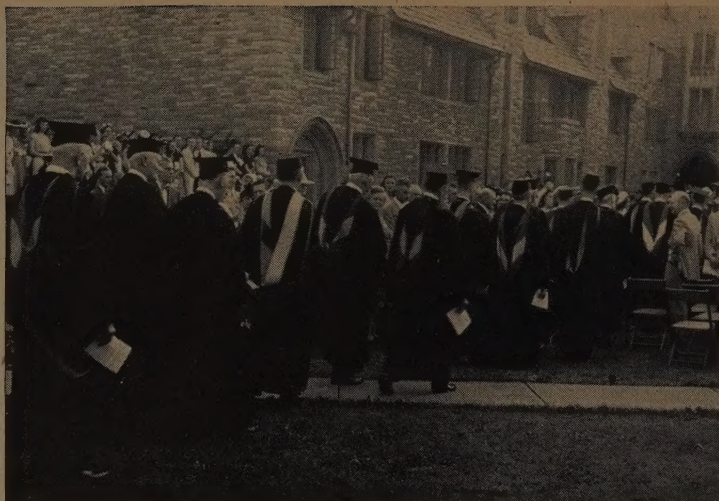
"The West Side Home News of New

York City is glad that Luther saved the Catholic Church from atheism."

"Walther handed the torch of pure fire to his many sturdy students. The torch of pure fire we received with eager youthful hands, we now with feeble, trembling hands hand into your hands. Guard it, and hand it down to the generation following."

The liturgists were the pastor of Old Trinity, the Rev. R. H. C. Meyer, Drs. Richard Caemmerer and Louis J. Sieck. The latter, president of the Seminary, delivered the formal charge to the graduates.

The commencement exercises were held the following evening in the great quadrangle on the campus of Concordia Seminary. The terrace in front of the A. L. Graebner Hall served as the podium from which the president's address and the Centennial address of Dr. J. W. Behnken were delivered. Candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Arts (130) were presented by Dr. Caemmerer; candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Divinity (50), by Dr. Theodore Hoyer. Dr. Theodore Laetsch presented for the Master of Sacred Theology graduate students Martin Brauer, W. Harry Krieger, Roland Lemke, Luther Meinzen, and August Suelflow. Dr. Theodore Graebner presented for the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity the Revs. H. J. Bouman of Minneapolis; J. Darsow of Australia; William Mahler of Herkimer, Kans.; Vice-President Herman Harms of Davenport, Iowa; and the Rev. Alexander F. von Schlichten of Yonkers, N. Y. Only the latter two were present to receive their degree. To the graduates of this year, 103 diplomas were presented by Dean Jesse. Dr. Polack and Professor Repp acted as liturgists. Martin Stelhorn was the organist. The Concordia Seminary



Graduation at Concordia Seminary, June 6, 1947. The Faculty in Academic Procession



Graduation, Detroit Lutheran High School

The exercises took place on June 12, when for the first time a class was graduated from this school. Prof. Martin J. Neeb, Executive Secretary of the Board of Higher Education, made the commencement address

Chorus, under the direction of Dr. Wm. B. Heyne, sang selections by Bach on both occasions. It was a most impressive ceremony, which ended only after the stars had begun to appear.

### Assignments of St. Louis Candidates

Allwardt, Howard: Detroit (Epiphany, assistant).  
Baepler, Walter: Barnum, Holyoke, Minn.  
Barth, Carl: New Orleans (First English, assistant).  
Bentrup, Waldo: Buffalo-Sellman-Shattuck, Okla.  
Birner, Charles: District Missionary, Oklahoma City.  
Boehne, Herbert: Plentywood-Outlook, Mont.  
Boerger, Charles: Cheboygan-Onaway, Mich.  
Bowles, Ray: Havana, Cuba.  
Brandt, Rudolph: Lockhaven, Pa.  
Brauer, Martin: Grand Rapids, Mich. (Immanuel, assistant).  
Brown, Edwin: San Antonio (Trinidad).  
Deiner, Donald: Berkeley, Calif.  
Deterding, John: Sandstone-Bruno, Minn.  
Ehlers, Robert: Houston (Bellaire), Tex.  
Fackler, William: Detroit (St. Andrew's).  
Frenk, Martin: Joliet, Ill. (assistant).  
Frey, Paul: Ponca-Newcastle, Nebr.  
Gade, Dwain: Texhoma, Okla.  
Gall, John: Mohammedan Missions.  
Gedwillo, Anthony: Charlotte Hall, Md.  
Geist, Carl: Paterson, N. J. (St. Paul, assistant).  
Griesse, Theodore: Ponda, Iowa.  
Gross, Richard: Fillmore, N. Y.  
Grumm, A. Lorenz: Lisbon, N. Dak.  
Guebert, Paul: Prince George, B. C., Can.  
Hackmann, Edward: Springfield, Ill. (Seminarian).  
Harms, Robert: Lebanon, Mo.  
Heilman, Carl: Okmulgee and Henrietta, Okla.  
Heinlein, Harold: India.  
Hess, Ralph: Tucumcari, N. Mex.  
Heumann, Arnold: Oxford-Inlay, Mich.  
Hildebrandt, John: Manville-Vedreville-Bruce, Alta, Can.  
Hopmann, Roland: White Bear Lake, Minn.  
Huber, Harold: Bateman, Sask., Can.  
Huxhold, Harry: Tulsa, Okla., and Darton, Wis.  
Jensen, William: Atlantic District (missionary).  
Johnson, Harold: Lemay, Mo.  
Kettler, Earl: Hot Springs-Deming, N. Mex.  
Koenker, Ernest: Oregon City, Oreg. (Trinity).  
Kohlmeier, Waldemar: Hawthorne-Fallon, Nev.  
Kollmeyer, Arthur: Texas City, Tex.  
Kollmeyer, Glen: Odessa, Tex.  
Kreutz, Victor: Milton, Oreg.  
Laatz, Willard: Riverdale, N. Dak. (Gov't project).  
Lammers, Richard: Fort Dodge, Iowa.  
Larsen, Donald: Seaside, Oreg.  
Last, Carl: Wheatland, Wyo.  
Lossner, Arthur: Worland, Wyo.  
Luecke, O. William: Omaha, Nebr. (Cross Church, assistant).  
Luessenhop, Elmer: Rock Springs, Wyo.  
Maassel, Paul: Saries, N. Dak.  
Mack, Valentine: South Wisconsin (District missionary).  
Marquardt, Elvin: Atlantic District (missionary).  
May, Wilbur: India.  
Meier, Robert: Guymon, Okla.  
Metzger, Robert: Atlantic District (missionary).  
Meyer, Norbert: Lake Crystal, Minn.  
Meyer, Richard: St. Paul, Minn. (Gethsemane), and China.  
Moehe, Robert: Crosby, N. Dak. (Gov't project).  
Nieting, Lorenz: Philippine Islands.  
Ortner, Donald: Toronto, Can. (St. John's, assistant).  
Oswald, Arthur: Montana District (missionary).  
Ottemoeller, Harold: Nigeria.  
Plagens, Robert: Philippine Islands.  
Priebe, Weldon: Ogema, Minn.  
Ressmeyer, Rudolph: Mohammedan Missions.  
Reschke, Francis: Collinsville, Ill. (assistant).  
Ruff, Jack: English District (missionary).  
Schaefer, Armin: Connorsville, Ind.  
Scheel, Leo: Reliance-Iona-Dixon, S. Dak.  
Schultz, Gordon: Fort Saskatchewan, Alta, Can.  
Schwan, Paul: Margo, Sask., Can.  
Spomer, Norman: Spring Valley, Sask., Can.  
Stohs, Leonard: India.  
Sylvester, Oscar: Bridgeport, Nebr.  
Taylor, George: Central District (missionary, covering Indianapolis and Irvington).  
Twenhafel, Arnold: Harlingen, Tex.  
Vincent, Arthur: Alton, Ill. (Berea).  
Von Schenk, James: New York City (Our Savior, assistant).  
Voss, Theophil: Dearborn, Mich.  
Witt, Elmer: Barstow-Needles, Calif.  
Zorn, Herbert: India.  
Zwitscher, Victor: China.

KARL KRETZMANN

## Graduating Exercises at Springfield

Baccalaureate services for the graduating class of our Springfield Theological Seminary were held in Trinity Church on the evening of June 6. Prof. Norman A. Madson, head of the theological department of Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, Minn., spoke on "The Ministry Which God Will Bless." Dr. R. C. Neitzel was the liturgist, and Dr. G. Chr. Barth read the charge to the graduates and offered the consecration prayer.

Diplomas were presented to the twenty-seven members of the class at the commencement exercises, which, likewise, were conducted in Trinity Church on June 7, 8:30 A. M. On this occasion Dr. Barth in his commencement address stressed the many blessings the seminary had enjoyed during the last year. Prof. W. A. Baepler served as liturgist, and Prof. M. H. Coyner distributed the diplomas.

The following pastors received honorary degrees of Doctor of Divinity: Rev. F. H. Brunn, Rockford, Ill.; Rev. Andrew Daniel, Detroit, Mich.; President of the Slovak Evangelical Lutheran Church; Rev. G. A. Aho, Painesville, Ohio, President of the National Evangelical Lutheran Church.

A list of graduates with their assignments will follow. W. A. B.

## Association of Lutheran Secondary Schools Meets

Milwaukee Lutheran High School was host to the fourth annual convention of the Association of Lutheran Secondary Schools on March 14 and 15. The sessions took place in the Lutheran High School and at the Lutheran Center. Mr. A. J. Beversdorf of Milwaukee presented a paper on "Principles of Promotion and Public Relations of Lutheran High Schools." A panel discussion by Messrs. E. J. Fredrich of Fond du Lac, Wis., B. F.

Freudenburg of Racine, Wis., and R. Krause of Milwaukee dealt with "Social Activities in Lutheran High Schools." Mr. Armin Grams of Chicago, Ill., presented the results of a questionnaire concerning "Professional and Academic Training of Lutheran High School Teachers."

The Rev. Martin J. Neeb, representative of Synod's Board for Higher Education, and Messrs. Arthur L. Miller and Wm. F. Kramer, representatives of Synod's Board for Parish Education, under whose auspices the promotion of Lutheran high schools will be carried out, presented special reports.

The Association will continue its Workshop in Religion this year for the purpose of building a curriculum in religion for Lutheran high schools. It will meet from June 23 to 28 at River Forest, Ill. Another project for the coming year will be the compilation of a series of chapel devotions, to which each member school will make contributions. It was resolved to request a separate listing of high school teachers in the teachers' sections of the Lutheran annuals, and also to list Lutheran high school teachers with the Teachers' Bureau of the Board for Parish Education.

Representatives of ten member schools and of two schools not holding membership were in attendance at the convention. In addition, seventeen visitors were present at the sessions. Officers for 1947-48 are: Dr. Paul Lange, St. Louis, president; Carl S. Meyer, Chicago, vice-president; E. F. Sagehorn, St. Louis, secretary; Louis Menking, Chicago, treasurer.

ALFRED J. FREITAG

## Rev. Theo. Hoemann President Iowa District West

Rev. Theodore Hoemann, the son of Rev. H. W. Hoemann and his wife, Mary, nee Alpers, was born at Alton, Ill., on Aug. 28, 1881. At that time his father was teaching in the school of the congregation "Zum



A New Note in Caps and Gowns

Graduating class of Kindergarten of St. Paul's Lutheran School, Kankakee, Ill. The teacher is Mrs. Leslie Hulse; the principal, Mr. Oscar Wilde; the pastor, the Rev. C. F. Haller

Kripplein Christi." Later on, following the advice of Dr. Walther, he again entered the ministry, accepting a call from the congregation at Accident, Md.



Th. Hoemann

Rev. Hoemann received his pre-theological training at St. Paul's College, Concordia, Mo., and Concordia College, Milwaukee. In 1900 he vicared, teaching school at Kenesaw, Nebr., and during the summer months at Concordia, Mo. Upon his graduation from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, in 1904, he accepted a call to a mission field in western Nebraska, centered around Culbertson, Nebr. In 1906 he was called to Zion Lutheran Church in Hiawatha, Kans., which church he served until 1910, when he accepted a call from Christ Church at Wathena, Kans. In 1915 St. Paul's Church at Falls City, Nebr., called him, and he served that congregation for 12½ years. His present parish is Immanuel Church of Adair, Iowa, since 1927. He spent 15 years of his ministry in the school-room. He was a Visitor of the Iowa District and has served the Iowa District West since its organization as Vice-President.

President Hoemann was married in 1910 to Miss Louise Zwick of Bingen, Ind. They have six children. H.

## He Did Not Get It

In Nigeria, as in other places in Africa, salt, on account of its scarcity, must be rationed. The following letter, addressed to Rev. J. P. Kretzmann, may interest our readers because of its human interest.

"Eyo Essien still wants salt for his big family. His letter should be incorporated. Here is a good example of pidgin English," writes Missionary Kretzmann. Here is the letter:

"I beg for thy honour and Ma (Mrs. Kretzmann) to pay attention to my poor supplication do I going to lay before you. I suffer much about the salt, because I am with a big family, many orphan childrens from my deadly brothers, left to me to see about, and one old lady daughter, and her childrens too, in that purpose, I must to spend a lot of money concerning of salt, in a week. I use to spent 3d or 4d for the salt beside what I use to buy from Ma every Wednesday.

"So I beg in thy love and the love of God within thy heart, secretly to kindly help me to have one back of salt from you, on the coming Monday, if you kindly do this for me, I cannot reveal it for anybody, that I get it from you. because that can lead to the new year, to share it for the family please.

"I hope for thy inner love and will. I should have a better reply from you. if so: I can get it from you at the Evening time, nobody know. I stop my petition with hopeful.

"Thanks Sir,

"I remain to be

"I am your obediently faithfully

"Servant E. E. Essien."

Incidentally, this letter, which of course was not written for publication, shows the confidence which the natives have in their missionaries as also how well they care for the widows and orphans of their departed relatives.

J. THEODORE MUELLER

## Lutheran Congregation at Enshih, China

One of our larger congregations in China, the one at Enshih, is rather unique in that it is self-supporting. At Enshih we also have a day school, a hospital, and an orphanage. The two American missionaries in the top row to the left are Pastors G. Wenger and W. Hoeltje. In this group is also Dr. Chen, who is the physician at the hospital.



Miss Lio  
Teacher of the  
Chinese language

Dr. Chen is a noted physician in China and administers to some 16,000 people a year. His clinic is well known and is visited every week by hundreds of people who seek treatment from him. Usually a large group has to wait outside of the clinic. While they are waiting, one of our teachers discusses Bible stories with the patients and presents some of the fundamentals of the Christian religion. In this way

these people receive not only physical, but also spiritual aid. Dr. Chen, who is one of our most loyal Lutherans in China, contemplates a visit to America sometime in the near future.

During our field secretary's latest visit to this congregation at Enshih it was decided to build a new day school as well as a new modern hospital and reconvert the present hospital into an orphanage, which will house approximately 75 to 100 children.

O. H. SCHMIDT

## Manila Miniatures

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### Our Church Work in Manila

It is notable that our Lutheran Church began work in the Philippine Islands. A survey had been made in 1940, and the launching of this work had been contemplated for the fall of 1941, but the war then forced postponements. Several chaplains of our Church formed valuable contacts. Pastor Theo. D. Martens of Pittsburgh received a leave of absence of one year from his congregation and came to Manila, to be in charge of the Lutheran Service Center for the personnel of the armed forces of our country and also to see what could be done about Lutheran church work in general. During the summer of 1946 two younger pastors came over, the Rev. Alvaro A. Carino and the Rev. Herman R. Mayer, and the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions spent a month in Manila. Under God's blessing the work was gotten under way very nicely. A large house was rented at a prominent location, providing a hall for services and for other uses of a service center, and also containing dwelling rooms for one or two pastors. A chapel was built in another section of Manila. At both places regular services are conducted, and the usual



Our Congregation at Enshih, China



Patients Waiting for Treatment at Our Hospital at Enshih  
While waiting, they receive religious instruction

instruction classes. In addition, our pastors are conducting instruction classes and doing other church work in two private homes, the one being the home of a captain of the police force, the other the home of an interested layman named Mr. Martinez, which he graciously placed at our disposal. A Quonset hut was acquired on leased property in a newer suburb, providing living quarters for Rev. Carino's family for the time being. A plot of ground was purchased in the Espana Rotunda area.

During the summer of 1947 it is hoped to send out additional workers for the Philippines and then also to initiate the work of Christian day schools.

#### Next the Japanese

Our Church still has several chaplains in the Philippines. One of these also began work among Japanese prisoners of war. The services were conducted in a former bowling alley transformed into a very proper church auditorium. At first Bible classes were held once a week, but under the growing interest of the Japanese this was expanded to three times a week. When a new location was made ready for civilian services, a group of these Japanese prisoners of war volunteered to clean up the place, "to do something for the church," as they said. Many of these prisoners of war asked that our Church should look them up when they get back to Japan. A number of these people were instructed and prepared for Baptism and acceptance into the Church.

By the grace of God several men who had had a church background of sorts were brought into contact with our men. They received instruction in the Christian doctrines two hours a day, every day of the week, for a number of months. Some of these men may serve as extremely valuable mes-

sengers of the Gospel in our further development of the Philippine Mission.

As soon as possible efforts are to be made to reach out from Manila into the provinces. Exploratory trips have already been made, and it seems as though "doors of utterance" are beckoning to us in several directions.

May the Lord grant His grace to our efforts at reaching out for souls and of building the Church also in these "Seven Thousand Emeralds," as the Philippine Islands are frequently called, so that the outward beauty of this area may be adorned with beauty in the eyes of the Lord, that men come to faith in Christ and serve the Lord with all their life and conversation.

O. H. SCHMIDT

## New Publications

Unless otherwise noted, all publications reviewed in the "Lutheran Witness" may be secured from or through Concordia Publishing House, 3553 S. Jefferson Ave., St. Louis 18, Mo.

**Concordia Bible Teacher.** Edited by Rev. J. M. Weidenschilling, S. T. D. Vol. VIII, No. 4, July, 1947: *Christian Stewardship*. Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis 18, Mo. 78 pages. Subscription price, 75 cents per annum.

**Concordia Bible Student.** Vol. XXXVI, No. 4, July, 1947: *Christian Stewardship*. 62 pages. Subscription price, 50 cents per annum.

These two publications, one for the teacher, the other for the student, deal with *Christian Stewardship*. They offer explanation, illustration, prose, and verse to impress upon us the importance of this part of Christian sanctification. The work is well done and will prove stimulating and illuminating to both teacher and pupil. S.

**The World's Greatest Portrait Gallery, the Bible.** A manual for Bible study published by the Walther League, 875 N. Dearborn St., Chicago 10, Ill. Price 30 cents, with Leader's Handbook, 50 cents. Special quantity prices.

Following a suggestion for senior Bible study made by the joint synodical committee on Bible study, the committee of the Walther League offers material for the study of 24 texts from the Old and New Testaments, each dealing with some character of Bible History—some people in high station, others belonging to the common folks, like the secretary of Jeremiah, the daughters of Job, and a runaway slave. In each case the exposition is followed by ample material for discussion and a



The Lutheran Church is Launched in the Philippines  
Rev. A. A. Carino, Mrs. Carino, Mrs. Mayer, Rev. Herman R. Mayer, with group of newly confirmed

suitable hymn. Abandoning the system of "lessons," this new series of Bible study handbooks allows greater freedom to the class leader and stresses the discussion method of instruction. G.

**Social Work Institute, 1946, Valparaiso University.** 100 pages, 6x9. Order from J. H. Witte, Business Manager, 304 Tuscola Road, Bay City, Mich. Price \$1.25.

Essays on the methods and trends of social work as conducted by the Church, delivered at the Forty-Third Annual Convention of Associated Lutheran Charities (Synodical Conference). The opening sermon was delivered by Prof. Otto H. Theiss and the lectures by the Rev. E. B. Glabe of Minneapolis, Dr. R. R. Caemmerer, Mr. J. E. Baldwin of the Indiana Department of Public Welfare, Dr. L. A. Woodward of the National Committee for Mental Hygiene, and by the Rev. H. F. Wind, President of the association. These lectures, written by scholars in their respective fields, should be read by every social worker. The roster of societies and institutions makes an impressive list of charities conducted within the Missouri Synod and affiliates. G.

**The Gilgamesh Epic and Old Testament Parallels.** By Alexander Heidel. 269 pages. The University of Chicago Press, Chicago, Ill. \$3.50.

This is another important volume by an outstanding Oriental scholar already favorably known in our circles as the author of *The Babylonian Genesis*. While the epic deals primarily with the problem of death, there is woven into it a version of the Deluge story. In Chapter 1, Dr. Heidel discusses the twelve tablets of the epic and gives a summary of their content. Then follow eighty-five pages with a complete English translation of the poem so far as it is preserved. Chapter 2 brings translations of related material, both in Sumerian and Babylonian, of pertinent passages from Berossus and of the famous "Ishtar's Descent into the Underworld." Chapter 3 compares the epic's Deluge account and its ideas concerning death and life beyond the grave with the statements of the Old Testament on these matters. Dr. Heidel, though connected with the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago, is a clergyman of our Church. His book, which is strictly scientific, reflects the conservative Biblical viewpoint, something which greatly enhances the value of the volume for Old Testament students among us. G. V. S.

## Miscellaneous

### Ordinations and Installations (Authorized by the Proper Officials)

#### CANDIDATES

##### Ordained and Commissioned:

Becker, Norbert, in Our Savior Church, St. Paul, Minn., as missionary in the Philippine Islands by O. H. Schmidt, 1. Sun. p. Tr., June 8.

##### Ordained and Installed:

Boerger, C. F., ordained in St. Peter's Church, Macon, Mich., by J. F. Boerger, Jr., Exaudi Sun., May 18, and installed in St. John's Congregation, Cheboygan, and in Holy Cross Congregation, Onoway, Mich., by Louis A. Linn, 1. Sun. p. Trin., June 8.

Last, Carl, in Trinity Congregation, Wheatland, Wyo., by W. Bornemann, 1. Sun. p. Tr., June 8.

#### PASTORS

Commissioned: Haefker, W. A., in First Church, Muskogee, Okla., as missionary in Lutheroma, Okla., by M. P. Studtmann, Pentecost Sun., May 25.

#### Installed:

Behrmann, F. W., in Salem Congregation, White Hall, Tex., by L. Karcher, Pentecost Sun., May 25.

Brose, Lambert, as assistant pastor in Layton Park Congregation, Milwaukee, Wis., by J. H. Baumgaertner, Pentecost Sun., May 25.

Freiburger, E., in St. John's Congregation, Lyons, Nebr., by A. Ira Grimm, Trin. Sun., June 1.

Grapatin, John, in Faith Congregation, Pine Lawn, Mo., by P. W. Streufert, Trin. Sun., June 1.

Johnson, John F., Jr., in Hope Congregation, Fond du Lac, Wis., by Pres. F. A. Schwertfeger, Exaudi Sun., May 18.

Kramer, Fred, as professor in St. John's College, Winfield, Kans., by C. S. Munding, Pentecost Sun., May 25.

Kratzke, A. C., in St. Peter's Congregation, Swanville, Minn., by W. A. Schultz, 1. Sun. p. Tr., June 8.

Kruger, Floyd H., in Trinity Congregation, Orleans, Minn., by M. T. Wolfram, 1. Sun. p. Tr., June 8.

Kuegele, F. R., in Zion Congregation, Upland, Nebr., by M. Schabacker, Sr., Trinity Sun., June 1.

Mueller, C. H., in Redeemer Congregation, Philip, and in First Congregation, Milesville, S. Dak., by L. E. Muely, Pentecost Sun., May 25.

Neunaber, Elmer G., in East Lutheran Congregation, Oak Ridge, Tenn., by R. Frerking, Pentecost Sun., May 25.

Schmidtke, Werner, in Trinity Congregation, Fort Wayne, Ind., by H. J. Bouman, Pentecost Sun., May 25.

Schultz, C. L., in Redeemer Congregation, Cushing, Okla., by G. O. Rusch, 1. Sun. p. Tr., June 8.

Selle, Carl, in Salem Congregation, Blue Island, Ill., by C. L. Abel, 1. Sun. p. Tr., June 8.

Sterz, Ewald L., in the mission congregation, Dearborn Twp., Mich., by A. Tong, Exaudi Sun., April 18.

Thies, C., as assistant pastor in St. Paul's Congregation, Chicago, Ill., by Enno Gahl, June 8.

Thies, Siegmund, in St. John's Congregation, Newkirk, Okla., by M. Porath, Trinity Sun., June 1.

Wentzlaff, Walter, in St. Paul's Congregation, Tavistock, Ont., Can., by A. F. Pollex, 1. Sun. p. Tr., June 8.

#### TEACHERS

Kaemming, Cand. L. W., in Trinity Congregation, Reese, Mich., by C. F. Golisch, 1. Sun. p. Tr., June 8.

Scheffler, Cand. Adam E., in St. Martin's Congregation, Chicago, Ill., by Henry Meyer, 1. Sun. p. Tr., June 8.

#### Dedications

Hazen, N. Dak. The new organ of St. Matthew's Congregation (G. H. Flechtner), Rogate Sun., May 18.

Midland, Tex. The new chapel of Grace Congregation (Gilbert C. Becker), Pentecost Sun., May 25.

Odebolt, Iowa. The new church of Trinity Congregation (G. H. Schaefer), 1. Sun. p. Tr., June 8.

Scott City, Kans. The new church of Holy Cross Congregation (Rowland A. Miller), Pentecost Sun., May 25.

Waco, Nebr. The new Hammond Organ of Peace Congregation (A. F. Volmer), Trin. Sun., June 1.

#### Additional Nominations

For the Professorship for Religion,  
Concordia Teachers College, River Forest

Pastor R. H. A. Seboldt, Mercedes, Tex.; Christ, Gordonville, Mo.

Prof. C. Rupprecht, Milwaukee, Wis.; Bethany, Chicago, Ill.

P. L. KLUENDER, Secretary, BOARD OF CONTROL

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## Committees Appointed for the Convention of Synod

Synod adopted the following resolution in 1908:

"The President of the General Body is hereby asked to publish the list of committees and their members in the official organs (LUTHERAN WITNESS and *Lutheraner*) about two weeks before the Synod meets. Whoever is thus appointed on a committee and finds that he cannot be present at the Synod shall notify the President, so that he may have opportunity to appoint another one in his stead. If the chairman of a committee fails to appear, the member named in the second place shall at once begin with the work, lest entire days pass before the committee begins its work." (*Proceedings*, 1908, p. 145.)

**Committee No. 1. Seminaries and Colleges:** All District Presidents. The Committee on Colleges of the Board of Directors.—Pastors: Koppelman (Cent. Ill.), Behrens (Engl.), Boerger (S. Wis.), Hafner (So.), Spitz (S. Ill.). Teachers: Grueber (Mich.), Roschke (N. Ill.), Laymen: W. Dress (Cent.), Schultz (East.), Kirsch (Mich.), Swanson (Minn.), Balke (Okla.). Professors: L. J. Sleck, Theo. Graebner, G. Chr. Barth, O. F. Brubinger, H. Bredemeier. Chairman: W. F. Lichtsinn.

This committee will meet Wednesday, July 16, 9:30 A. M., D. S. T., at the Palmer House.

**Reports and Memorials 101—155; 303; 801:** 16, 17, 18, 20—23.

**Committee No. 2. Missions:** Pastors: Vice-President F. Hertwig (chairman), Schluter (Cal.-Nev.), Oldson (Cent.), Martens (East.), Baumgaertner (Engl.), A. Janke (Iowa W.), Hyatt (Man.-Sask.), Claus (Mich.), Milbrath (Minn.), Fergin (N. Wis.), Romoser (N. Ill.), Wehrmann (N. Nebr.), Streufert (Okla.), Schoedel (Ont.), Pieplow (S. East.), Pinnit (S. Dak.), Schuetz (S. Nebr.), Behnke (West.). Teachers: Behnke (Iowa E.), Hillmann (Kans.), Dreyer (Minn.), Kuehnert (S. Cal.), Boeker (S. Ill.), Schriefer (S. Wis.), Schoessow (Tex.). Laymen: Rabe (Atl.), Rothkopf (Cent.), Homann (Cent. Ill.), H. Schmidt (Colo.), Kober (Engl.), Zellmer (Iowa W.), Jespersen (Mich.), Pankow (N. Dak.), Wm. Schultz (N. Ill.), Beckman (Oreg.-Wash.), Pfeiffer (S. Wis.), Harre (So.), Hingst (Tex.), Ringger (West.), Sachtleben (S. Ill.), C. Gratoop (S. Nebr.), Melzner (East.). Professors: Franzmann, Poehler, Coyner, Klinck.

This committee will meet Friday, July 18, 9:30 A. M., D. S. T., at the Palmer House.

**Reports and Memorials 401—403; 406—419; 715; 801:14, 15; Unprinted Memorial 5.**

**Committee No. 3. Intersynodical and Doctrinal Matters:** Pastors: H. J. A. Bouman (Cent.), Schumann (East.), Lubeck (Kans.), Linn (Mich.), Phil Mueller (S. Dak.). Teachers: Westerkamp (Oreg.-Wash.), Obermueller (S. Nebr.). Laymen: Feder (Cent. Ill.), Zobel (Iowa W.), Fischer (N. Dak.), Metz (Minn.), O. Brater (West.). Professors: Hoyer, J. T. Mueller, Neitzel, Schwermann (chairman).

This committee will meet Saturday, July 19, 9:30 A. M., D. S. T., at the Palmer House.

**Reports and Memorials 601—616; 618—628; Unprinted Memorial 3.**

**Committee No. 4. Christian Education:** Pastors: Graesser (Atl.), chairman; A. J. Mueller (Al. Br. Col.), Werning (Cent.), Kabelitz (Iowa E.), Schuett (Minn.), Gierke (Mont.). Teachers: Klammer (Mich.), Maag (Minn.), Buchholz (N. Nebr.). Laymen: Winterroth (Cent. Ill.), Meyer (Colo.), C. Schultz (Mich.), Herrmann (So. East.), Wichmann (S. Cal.), Huebner (S. Nebr.). Professors: Kruse, Repp.

**Reports and Memorials 201—207.**

**Committee No. 5. Young People's Work:** Pastors: Scheips (Mich.), chairman; Hesse (S. Cal.), Beins (Colo.), Kirchmann (Iowa E.). Teachers: Buchhorn (Cent.), Wedel (S. Wis.). Laymen: Maina (Engl.), Griepentrog (N. Nebr.), Morris (So.), Jordan (N. Ill.). Professor: W. Luecke.

**Reports and Memorials 301—302.**

**Committee No. 6. Constitutional Matters:** Pastors: Elbert (S. Wis.), chairman; Haedicke (Cal.-Nev.), Bischoff (Cent.), W. O. Schmidt (West.). Teachers: Wismar (So.). Laymen: Sievers (Iowa W.), Thrun (Mich.), Kolander (Minn.), Neger (Tex.). Professors: Moeller, A. E. Meyer.

**Reports and Memorials 501—514; 527; 529; 716—720; 902; 904; Unprinted Memorial 1, 2.**

**Committee No. 7. Lodges and Term Question:** Pastors: Frick (N. Ill.), chairman; Wehrmeyer (Atl.), Engelke (Mich.). Teacher: Rickenberg (Okla.). Laymen: Hoehne (Iowa E.), Dr. Carter (Minn.), O. Becker (S. Nebr.). Professor: Wenger.

## FINANCIAL REPORT, Receipts April 30, 1947, to May 31, 1947

| Districts                     | Budget Accounts |                              |              |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| 1. Alberta & British Columbia | \$ 1,738.19     | 13. Kansas                   | 11,100.00    |
| 2. Argentina                  | 60.00           | 14. Manitoba & Saskatchewan  | 731.98       |
| 3. Atlantic                   | 24,940.37       | 15. Michigan                 | 77,352.24    |
| 4. Brazil                     |                 | 16. Minnesota                | 42,470.37    |
| 5. California & Nevada        | 3,372.69        | 17. Montana                  | 992.73       |
| 6. Central                    | 74,703.14       | 18. North Dakota             | 2,916.52     |
| 7. Central Illinois           | 26,189.91       | 19. North Wisconsin          | 25,831.79    |
| 8. Colorado                   | 2,521.71        | 20. Northern Illinois        | 73,569.39    |
| 9. Eastern                    | 18,415.14       | 21. Northern Nebraska        | 8,019.24     |
| 10. English                   | 41,099.71       | 22. Oklahoma                 | 3,125.25     |
| 11. Iowa-East                 | 12,500.00       | 23. Ontario                  | 5,014.00     |
| 12. Iowa-West                 | 28,982.59       | 24. Oregon & Washington      | 6,077.35     |
|                               |                 | 25. South Dakota             | 3,250.48     |
|                               |                 | 26. South Wisconsin          | 50,754.66    |
|                               |                 | 27. Southeastern             | 7,740.76     |
|                               |                 | 28. Southern                 | 5,418.61     |
|                               |                 | 29. Southern California      | 3,183.34     |
|                               |                 | 30. Southern Illinois        | 13,748.89    |
|                               |                 | 31. Southern Nebraska        | 8,061.55     |
|                               |                 | 32. Texas                    | 7,206.01     |
|                               |                 | 33. Western                  | 59,981.16    |
|                               |                 | Total from Districts         | \$651,069.77 |
|                               |                 | From L. L. L. Endowment Fund | 5,055.56     |
|                               |                 | From Other Sources           | 13,625.77    |
|                               |                 | GRAND TOTAL                  | \$669,751.10 |

THEO. W. ECKHART, Financial Secretary

Reports and Memorials 528; 617; 1001; Unprinted Memorial 6.

**Committee No. 8: Publications:** Pastors: Berner (S. Cal.), chairman; Hintz (Cent.), Brewer (Iowa E.), Kretzschmar (S. Wis.), Herzog (Tex.). Teachers: Luebker (Mich.), Wichmann (N. Ill.), Laymen: Ferbix (Cent. Ill.), Weckman (Engl.), H. Paulsen (N. Nebr.), Rupprecht (Oreg.-Wash.), Kroemeke (West.). Professors: Doege, Studtmann.

Reports and Memorials 701—703; 711—714; 1005; Unprinted Memorial 4.

**Committee No. 9. Hymnology and Liturgies:** Pastors: Bussert (S. Ill.), chairman; Waech (East.), Herrmann (Iowa W.), Otte (Mich.), Johnson (N. Nebr.). Teachers: Markworth (Cent.), Mueller (S. Wis.), Kutscher (West.). Laymen: E. Felton (Minn.), Merkel (Ont.), Leshber (Tex.). Professors: Stelzer, Diesing.

Reports and Memorials 704—707.

**Committee No. 10. Catechism:** Pastors: Jahn (West.), chairman; J. Kuring (Al. Br. Col.), Marschke (Cent.), Goltermann (Cent. Ill.), Pralle (S. Nebr.). Teachers: Abraham (N. Ill.), Stenske (S. Cal.). Laymen: Knoke (Iowa W.), Bernthal (Mich.), Facklam (N. Wis.), Lemcke (S. Dak.), Behling (S. Wis.). Professors: Schmidt, Eifert.

Reports and Memorials 708.

**Committee No. 11. Finances:** Pastors: A. C. Seltz (Minn.), chairman; Gallmann (Atl.), Roschke (Iowa E.), Schoenow (Mich.), Treu (S. Wis.), Leonhardt (So. East.). Teacher: Redeker (N. Wis.). Laymen: Elling (N. Ill.), Leckband (Cal.-Nev.), Meierhauser (Cent. Ill.), Reese (Colo.), E. P. Meyer (Engl.), Witt (Iowa W.), Gerike (Mont.), Gienapp (S. Dak.). Professor: Coates.

Reports and Memorials 208; 801: 1—11. 19; 802—804; 813; 1007.

**Committee No. 12. Support and Pension:** Pastors: Hallerberg (Cent. Ill.), chairman; Steege (Atl.), Geihslar (Colo.), Schlichting (Engl.), Henning (Kans.). Teachers: Johanna (East.), Germeroth (West.). Laymen: Pflug-hoef (Cent.), Rikkels (Iowa E.), Bauer (Iowa W.), A. Meier (Mich.), Dr. Rydburg (Minn.), Fillnau (N. Wis.), Schonemann (N. Ill.). Professor: Schick.

Reports and Memorials 805—812.

**Committee No. 13. Publicity:** Pastors: Rische (Cal.-Nev.), chairman; Mueller (East.), Dierks (N. Dak.), Goetz (N. Wis.). Teacher: Firnhaber (S. Ill.). Laymen: Gotsch (Cent.), Geyer (Colo.), Kuhn (West.), Koepke (S. Wis.). Professors: Beto, Wente.

Reports and Memorials 515—523; 710; 801; 12. 13. 24.

**Committee No. 14. Miscellaneous:** Pastors: Meinzen (Man.-Sask.), chairman; Lueck (Cent. Ill.), Setzer (Engl.), Scheel (Iowa E.), W. H. Becker (Iowa W.). Teacher: Markworth (S. Wis.). Laymen: Engebrecht (Cal.-Nev.), J. F. Deppert (Cent.), Hoehne (Minn.), E. Lang (N. Nebr.), Kasten (West.). Professor: Rincker.

Reports and Memorials 404—405; 420; 524—526; 1002—1004; 1006; 1008.

**Committee No. 15. Credentials and Registration:** Pastors: Haserodt (Engl.), chairman; Meinzen (N. Ill.). Teacher: Wukaskh (N. Ill.). Laymen: Rusch (Engl.), Schneider (N. Ill.).

**Committee No. 16. Application for Membership:** Pastors: Obermeier (Cent. Ill.), chairman; Nieting (Iowa W.). Teachers: Keller (Cent.), Eismann (S. Nebr.). Laymen: Juergensen (Kans.), Friedrichs (S. Cal.).

**Committee No. 17. Nominations** (This committee, was elected by the Electoral Board for Nominations, 1947): Pastors: R. Jesse (Engl.), chairman; Deffner (Kans.), Eggold (S. Wis.), R. Griesse (S. Nebr.), Grotelueschen (N. Ill.),

Stolzenburg (Cent.), Wiederaenders (Tex.). Teachers: Marty (Iowa W.), Siebrass (West.), Wesch (Colo.). Laymen: Dallmann (East.), Meinzen (Cal.-Nev.), Meyer (N. Dak.), Wagner (Man.-Sask.), Wolfanger (Engl.).

**Committee No. 18. Elections:** Pastor: Kurt Daib (Iowa W.). Teacher: Franzen (Cent. Ill.). Layman: Arthur Weckmann (Atl.).

**Committee No. 19. Excuses:** Pastors: Petzold (Cent. Ill.), chairman; Weinrich (Colo.). Guenther (Kans.), Brackmann (Oreg.-Wash.). Teacher: Beyerlein (West.). Laymen: Ites (Iowa E.), Butz (S. Wis.), Fenner (S. Dak.), Justice (Kans.).

**Committee No. 20. Appeals:** This Committee is to be elected by Synod.

Reports and Memorials 901; 903.

Note: Numbers over 100 indicate the printed reports or memorials. Numbers below 100 refer to unprinted reports or memorials.

The chairman is responsible for all the documents and is held to return them to the Secretary of Synod after the committee has completed all the work assigned to it.

All committees not organized prior to the convention are requested to effect such organization immediately after the close of the first session, Monday afternoon, July 21.

Synod passed the following resolution:

"Resolved, That it shall be the duty of each committee so to publish the times and the places of their meetings, both before and during the meeting of Synod, that those interested may be given an opportunity of being present at the meetings of the particular committee." (Proceedings 1911, p. 193.)

In order that this resolution may be carried out, special meeting places will be assigned to the committees, and the time of meeting will be posted on a bulletin board. Members of the committees should watch these bulletins and keep themselves informed about the time and place of committee meetings.

In accordance with the wish of Synod an information bureau and a post office will be arranged.

All delegates have received the book of Reports and Memorials. In order to understand the resolutions which will be prepared and presented by the various committees and in order to participate intelligently in the discussions and also to vote with a proper understanding of the business before the convention, delegates are urged to read this book of Reports and Memorials carefully. It will be necessary also that every delegate bring this book with him to the convention.

Synod adopted the following resolution:

"Inasmuch as Synod permits congregations to adopt or reject any synodical resolutions, congregations, on the same principle, ought not to forbid their delegates to vote contrary to the instructions which they have received from them, but every delegate ought to be permitted to vote in accordance with his own conviction." (Synodical Handbook, p. 58.)

The Constitution of Synod says: "The President shall remind the Synod that all delegates and representatives elected to attend the synodical sessions are held to attend all sessions regularly to the very close of the convention. All synodical delegates who arrive late or leave early or who do not attend at all shall present a written excuse." (By-Laws of the Constitution of Synod, p. 18.)

In order to comply with this paragraph in the By-Laws, delegates should remain to the close of the convention. If it is impossible for a delegate to attend all sessions, he should send his alternate or, if feasible, divide the time between himself and his alternate.

J. W. BEHNKEN, President of Synod  
Oak Park, Ill., June 17, 1947

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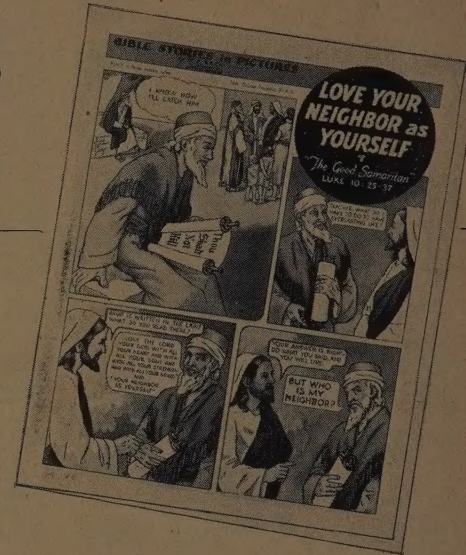
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